

THE WINDWARD ISLANDS' OPINION

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EDITORIAL

In commemorating our first Lustrum - the five years active existence of the "Windward Islands' Opinion" ; we first must thank the Lord for the grace and blessing He has bestowed upon us so that from July 1, 1959 till July 1, 1964 the effort to help improve the social, economic, educational and political conditions has not been in vain. By advocating against the cause of injustice and oppression many enemies have been acquired because we know that the truth is a brutal thing at times and generally in bad grace.

In retrospect of five years we surely have reasons to be optimistic since during the infancy of YOUR PAPER which was a novelty, seemed to many of us a bastard child - a leprose article which had to be shun or concealed from our neighbours. To realize that YOUR weekly was considered like the talisman of the African which had to be hidden from luckier races and compare the acceptance of to-day - our first lustrum. We have never blamed you for being discriminate - remember, the NEGRO was in the fourteenth century considered a rare specimen; never a human being - for we understood that this was new and that we had to grow accustomed to this new idea.

Especially when at the zero hour the roll call was "de' - Masque'" and true visages became apparent; especially when obsolete ideas and ambiguous attitudes were challenged; especially when the audacity was taken to expound certain personal views we deemed it possible that the TRUTH we had to learn not to try to sabotage.

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